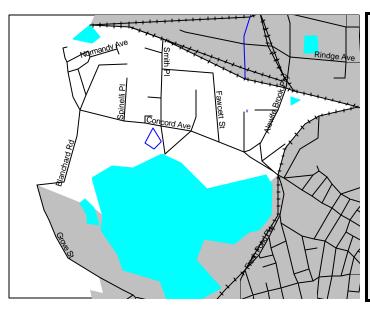
## NEIGHBORHOOD 12 HIGHLANDS





**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

**POPULATION:** 582 residents

281 households

## **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**

\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

## 2001 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

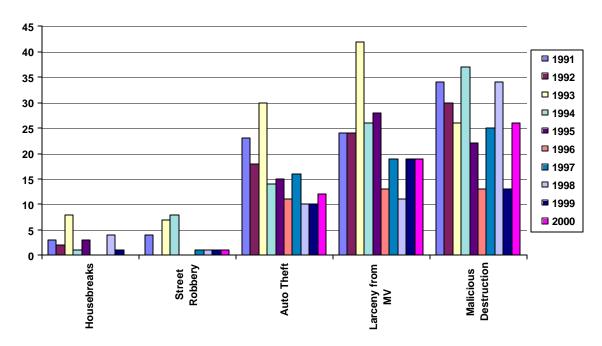
A vested interest in preventing crime paid off for citizens in the Highlands, where no housebreaks or street robberies occurred throughout the entire ½ Quarter. The area's low residential population is likely a contributing factor to its incredibly low crime rate. For the past 20 years, its target crime totals have ranked the lowest or second lowest among all Cambridge neighborhoods. • Auto thefts, malicious destruction of property crimes, and larcenies from motor vehicles were relatively scarce this year, as well. All 3 of these crime types accounted for an even portion of total target crimes in 2001, whereas last year there were twice as many crimes of malicious destruction as there were auto thefts. As if crime counts in the Highlands could not get any lower, the 1st Quarter of 2001 brought even more significant declines (between 25-62%). • Larcenies from motor vehicles were mainly concentrated between the hours of 10 am & 2 pm (mid-week), and involved the loss of exterior auto parts (tires/hubcaps). • Drug activity also was low throughout the ½ Quarter. Subsequent to a series of undercover operations in mid to late January, SIU detectives arrested 2 non-Cambridge residents for trafficking a Class B substance in the Highlands area. The arrestees were found to be in connection with a major cocaine distribution ring, existing well outside the city.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 1999 & 2000						
CRIME	1st Q 2000	1st Q 2001	% CHANGE			
Housebreaks	0	0	None			
Street Robbery	0	0	None			
Auto Theft	4	3	-25%			
Larceny from MVs	6	3	-50%			
Malicious Destruction	8	3	-62%			
Drug Arrests	1	2	<u>Inc.</u>			

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- **Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles,** and **malicious destruction** has sometimes become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- **Larcenies from Persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocket pickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES						
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*	
Housebreaks	6	13	3	13	13	
Street Robbery	8	12	3	13	13	
Auto Theft	54	11	16	11	12	
Larceny from MVs	38	12	23	12	12	
Malicious Destruction	28	12	26	12	12	

stRanks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest